GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN CASHEW PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of cashew in the country has been decreasing over the year;

(b) if so, whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide financial assistance through Horticulture Mission for expanding cashew cultivation;

(c) if so, whether Kerala State Agency for Cashew Cultivation (KSACC) has submitted proposal for financial assistance for enhaning cashew cultivation in the State of Kerala; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): No, Sir.The production of cashew in the country is in an increasing trend except in Kerala.Area and production of cashew for the last 5 years (2002-03 to 2006-07) is annexed as Annexure-I.

(b): National Horticulture Mission is being implemented since 2005-06 to promote holistic growth of horticulture sector in India including cashew.New plantation,replanting old senile and uneconomical cashew gardens with high yielding varieties are the major activities undertaken in the Mission for increasing production and productivity of cashew in the country.The supporting programme like establishment of nurseries,frontline demonstrations, IPM/INM, organic farming are also undertaken under the Mission.

(c): Kerala State Agency for Cashew Cultivation (KSACC) has not submitted any proposal to Ministry of Agriculture for financial assistance for enhancing cashew production in the State of Kerala.

(d): Does not arise.